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CROP PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER 2015

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 318,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 5 percent from the August 1 forecast but down 39 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 83,000 acres, down 66,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 275,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 44 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,590 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from the August 1 forecast and up 11 pounds from last year. As of August 30, 50 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 53 percent last year and 9 percent for the five-year average. The cotton crop was rated 4 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 30 percent excellent as of August 30. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 18,000 acres, up 3,500 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 43,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 30,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,147 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast and 154 pounds more than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from the August forecast but down 18 percent from 2014. Yield is expected to average 789 pounds per harvested acre, down 6 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.0 million 480-pound bales, down 18 percent from 2014. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 451,000 bales, is down 20 percent from last year.

For a full copy of the Crop Production report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.